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FROM : Amembassy MEXICO CITY DATE: April 27, 1970

SUBJECT : Mexican Extension of Territorial Sea to 12 Miles

REF : STATE 058086, Mexico City's A-136 of March 25, 1970

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Action Taken:

- The decree extending Mexico's Territorial Sea to twelve miles was published in the Diario Oficial of December 26, 1969, and became effective on that date. It was listed in the Diario under the heading "Decree which reforms the first and second paragraphs of fraction II of Article 18 of the General Law of National Wealth" (see copy enclosed), which explains why it was overlooked by the Embassy.
- The information requested in paragraph 2 of the ref tel has already been passed to Legal Adviser Stevenson. For the information of the Department, however, when the subject of Mexico's newly adopted 12 mile territorial sea came up in a conversation with Lic. Jorge Castañeda of the Foreign Secretariat, Castañeda remarked that Mexico considers its action to be the recognition of what is already, in fact, international law by virtue of its wide acceptance.

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Enclosure:

- Five copies page 3 of Diario Oficial of December 26, 1969.

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